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14 *Proposed Attorneys for Debtors
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15 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
16 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
17 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

18 **In re:**

19 **PG&E CORPORATION,**

20 **- and -**

21 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY,**

22 **Debtors.**

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24 Affects PG&E Corporation
25 Affects Pacific Gas and Electric
Company
26 Affects both Debtors

27 **All papers shall be filed in the Lead
Case, No. 19-30088 (DM).*

18 Bankruptcy Case
19 No. 19-30088 (DM)

20 Chapter 11

21 (Lead Case)

22 (Jointly Administered)

23 **DECLARATION OF JANET LODUCA IN
SUPPORT OF APPLICATION OF DEBTORS
PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) AND FED. R.
24 BANKR. P. 2014(a) AND 2016 FOR AUTHORITY
25 TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY KELLER &
BENVENUTTI LLP AS CO-COUNSEL FOR THE
DEBTORS *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION
DATE**

1 Pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare as follows:

2 1. I am the Senior Vice President and Interim General Counsel of PG&E Corporation
3 (“**PG&E Corp.**”). In my current role, I am responsible for supervising outside counsel and monitoring
4 and managing legal fees and expenses.

5 2. On January 29, 2019 (the “Petition Date”), PG&E Corp. and Pacific Gas and Electric
6 Company (the “Utility”), as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, “PG&E” or the “Debtors”)
7 each commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code
8 (the “Bankruptcy Code”). I submit this Declaration in support of the Debtors’ Application (the
9 “Application”)¹, pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 2014(a) and 2016 of the
10 Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), for authority to employ and retain
11 Keller & Benvenutti LLP (“K&B” or the “Firm”), as attorneys for the Debtors in the above-captioned
12 chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date.

13 3. This Declaration is provided pursuant to Paragraph D.2 of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines
14 for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C.
15 § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective November 1, 2013 (the “Fee Guidelines”).
16 Except as otherwise indicated herein, the facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal
17 knowledge, information provided to me by the Debtors’ employees or advisors, or my opinion based
18 upon knowledge and experience as Senior Vice President and Interim General Counsel. I am authorized
19 to submit this Declaration on behalf of the Debtors.

20 4. The Debtors recognize that a comprehensive review process is necessary when selecting
21 and managing chapter 11 counsel to ensure that their bankruptcy professionals are subject to the same
22 client-driven market forces, security, and accountability as professionals in non-bankruptcy
23 engagements. Since May 2018, K&B has advised the Debtors regarding the legal and financial
24 challenges facing the Debtors, including providing advice regarding potential liabilities relating to the
25 2017 and 2018 Northern California wildfires. As a result of its prepetition representation of the Debtors,
26 K&B acquired an in-depth knowledge of the Debtors’ capital structure and liability profile and has
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¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

1 gained insight into the Debtors' business operations. Accordingly, K&B possesses the necessary
2 background to address the legal issues and related matters that may arise in the administration of the
3 Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases.

4 5. K&B has confirmed to me that the Firm does not vary its billing rates or the material
5 terms of an engagement depending on whether such engagement is a bankruptcy or a non-bankruptcy
6 engagement. K&B has advised me that its current customary U.S. hourly rates are \$600 to \$800 for
7 partners and counsel, \$400 to \$550 for associates, and \$150 to \$225 for paraprofessionals. It is my
8 understanding that K&B reviews and adjusts its billing rates annually, typically on or around January
9 1st of each year. K&B has advised me that it will inform the Debtors of any adjustment to its existing
10 rate structure.

11 6. I am informed by K&B that its attorneys' billing rates are aligned each year to ensure that
12 its rates are comparable to the billing rates of its peer firms. To the extent that there is any disparity in
13 such rates, however, I nevertheless believe that K&B's retention by the Debtors is warranted in these
14 cases for the reasons set forth in the Debtors' Application.

15 7. I understand that K&B's fees and expenses will be subject to periodic review on a
16 monthly, interim, and final basis during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases by, among other parties,
17 a fee examiner or fee committee (if appointed), the Office of the United States Trustee and the Debtors,
18 and in accordance with the terms of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local
19 Rules, and any orders of the Court governing the procedures for approval of interim compensation of
20 professionals retained in these Chapter 11 Cases.

21 8. As Senior Vice President and Interim General Counsel, I supervise and manage legal fees
22 and expenses incurred by the Debtors' outside counsel. Either I or a senior lawyer in our legal
23 department reviews the Debtors' outside counsel invoices and authorizes all legal fees and expenses
24 prior to the payment of such fees to outside counsel. In so doing, I assure that all requested fees and
25 expenses are reasonable and correspond with necessary or beneficial services rendered on behalf of the
26 Debtors and their estates. The aforementioned review and approval process does not differ when the
27 Debtors employ outside counsel for non-bankruptcy matters. Moreover, K&B has informed me that the
28 Debtors will be provided with the opportunity to review all invoices and request adjustments to such

1 invoices to the extent that the Debtors determine that such adjustments are necessary and appropriate,
2 which requests will be carefully considered by K&B.

3 I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and after reasonable
4 inquiry, the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at San Francisco,
5 California on this 7th day of March, 2019.

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